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FM AMEMBASSY SAIGON

TO AMEMBASSY BEIRUT IMMEDIATE

INFO AMEMBASSY ANKARA IMMEDIATE

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C O N F I D E N T I A L SAIGON 4619

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, VS, SA, TU, LE

SUBJECT: VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA OF RVN FOREIGN MINISTER

REF: SAIGON 4571

1. YOU WILL NOTE IN PARA 3 OF REFTEL (WHICH IS BEING REPEATED BEIRUT)
THAT RVN FOREIGN MINISTER VUONG VAN BAC AND TWO MFA OFFICIALS WILL
TRANSIT BEIRUT APRIL 10, ARRIVING AT 0300 ON KL 846 FROM BANGKOK
AND LEAVING FOR JIDDA AT 1755 ON ALITALIA 754.
2. REQUEST EMBASSY BEIRUT CONFIRM ALITALIA BOOKING WHICH STILL
TENTATIVE AS FOREIGN MINISTER LEFT SAIGON APRIL 9.
3. AS MINISTER WAS LEAVING HE EXPRESSED SOME CONCERN ABOUT HIS
PERSONAL SAFETY DURING RATHER LONG TRANSIT STOP IN BEIRUT.
4. BEFORE WE COULD TRANSMIT FOREGOING, MFA APPROACHED US AGAIN
TO REQUEST WE SEND URGENT MESSAGES BELOW TO GVN
AMB DON IN JIDDA AND CHARGE LOAN IN ANKARA. (MFA HAD LEARNED BY
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PHONE FROM BANGKOK THAT SAUDI VISAS NOT OBTAINED THERE.)

5. FOR JIDDA: BEGIN TEXT: HIY MINAE DELEGATION IN BANGKOK
FAILED TO GET ENTRY VISAS TO SAUDI ARABIA STOP PLEASE TRY YOUR
BEST TO ENABLE DELEGATION ARRIVE JIDDA AS PLANNED, FOR EXAMPLE
BY REQUESTING SAUDI ARABIA TO AUTHORIZE ITS EMBASSY IN BEIRUT
TO ISSUE VISAS TO MINAE DELEGATION DURING TRANSIT APRIL TENTY
STOP END LUU TUONG QUANG. END TEXT.

6. FOR ANKARA: BEGIN TEXT: HIY MINAE DELEGATION IN BANGKOK
TODAY FAILED TO GET ENTRY VISAS TO SAUDI ARABIA STOP PLEASE TRY
YOUR BEST TO GET ENTRY VISAS FOR THEM WHILE THEY ARE IN BEIRUT
APRIL TENTY STOP END LUU TUONG QUANG. END TEXT.

7. MFA AND EMBASSY SAIGON GREATLY APPRECIATE ASSISTANCE OF
POSTS IN FACILITATING VISIT OF GVN FOREIGN MINISTER TO
SAUDI ARABIA WHICH IS KEY COUNTRY IN GNV'S DIPLOMATIC STRATEGY.
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